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EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for Equity Participation in Hydro Electric Power Projects being set up by Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs);

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and present status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government have taken note of State Government`s concern about deteriorating Hydro-thermal mix which has reached precarious level; and

(d) if so, likely time by which Rajasthan Government are likely to be allowed Equityparticipation of augment State precarious Hydro-thermal mix especially considering non- existence of Hydel generation potential?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. The proposal has been conveyed to the hydro sector Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).The CPSUs execute hydro-electric projects located in different States through agreements/Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) enteredinto with the State(s) where the projects are located. It will be for the States where the projects are located and the concerned CPSUs to consider the request of the Government of Rajasthan while agreeing upon implementation agreements of new hydro projects being set up by CPSUs. The Government of India does not make any funds available toany State specifically for hydro power generation in the State sector. However, it sets up hydro power projects for the benefit of the States through its own Public Sector Undertakings or with equity participation of the States as joint ventures such as Tehri Hydro Power Development Corporation (THDC), Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (formerly Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation) and the Narmada Hydro-electric Development Corporation (NHDC).The Government of India is keen to implement measures that would accelerate the development of hydro power.